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### TTD terminates 2 employees for consuming non-veg food near Alipiri



TPN Bureau | Nov 10 Tirupati:

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, the official custodian of Sri Venkateswara temple, has terminated the services of two outsourced employees for allegedly consuming non-vegetarian food near Alipiri. A complaint was lodged at the Tirumala Two Town Police Station in this regard. "TTD has taken strict action against two outsourced employees, Ramaswamy and Sarasamma, for consuming non-vegetarian food near Alipiri," said an official press release from the temple body. The case was registered under section 114 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Endowments Act, and an investigation has been initiated, police said.

### President and PM to attend Satya Saibaba centenary celebrations at Puttaparthi

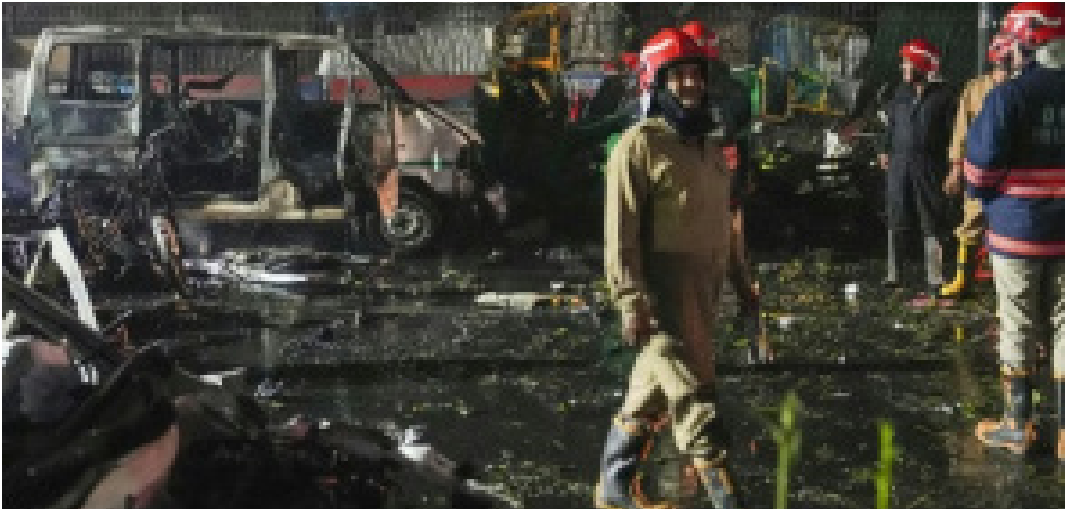


### CM directs officials to make arrangements in a big way Indian Railways to run special trains to Puttaparthi. Minister's committee to monitor arrangements at Puttaparthi

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VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu asked the officials to make arrangements in a grand manner for Puttaparthi Satya Saibaba centenary celebrations to be organized on November 19. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the celebrations on November 19 and President of India Droupadi Murmu on November 22. The Chief Minister conducted a review with Officials at secretariat today on the arrangements at Puttaparthi for Satya Saibaba centenary

## Eight killed in blast Near Red Fort, cars gutted and several injured



"Six cars, two erick-shaws and one autorickshaw were gutted in the fire," said a fire department official. A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) reached the spot. The blast was so powerful that it shattered the windows of vehicles parked several metres away. The sound was heard at ITO a few kilometres away.

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New Delhi: A high-intensity explosion ripped through a car parked near the Red Fort metro station on Monday evening, gutting several vehicles and killing at least eight people, officials said. Twenty-four people were injured in the blast that took place on a busy evening when the area was milling with people. The injured were taken to the LNJP hospital a few kilometres away. Videos shared by the Chandni Chowk Traders' Association showed the magnitude of the blast. A body could be seen lying on a vehicle. Another video showed a body lying on

the road. Eyewitnesses said body parts could be seen scattered near the blast site. A high alert has been sounded in Delhi. Ten fire tenders were rushed to the spot with police cordoning off the area, the Delhi Fire Services said. The fire, officials said, was brought under control by 7.29 pm. "Six cars, two erick-shaws and one autorickshaw were gutted in the fire," said a fire department official. A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) reached the spot. The blast was so powerful that it shattered the windows of vehicles parked several metres away. The sound was heard at ITO a few kilometres away. "The blast occurred in a car parked near Re

d Fort metro station gate number 1. The intensity was quite high. Injuries are feared," said a senior official of Delhi Fire Service. Visuals of the incident showed plumes of fire billowing from the burning cars. Panic gripped the area as several vehicles were seen damaged at the spot following the loud explosion. An injured eyewitness, who suffered a wound on his forehead, said the explosion appeared to have originated from a car, probably a Swift. "There was a Swift car in front of my auto. There was something in that car that suddenly blasted," he said. Another witness said, "I was at the gurdwara when I heard a strong sound. We couldn't make out

what it was, it was that loud." "A number of vehicles nearby were completely damaged," he added. Sanjay Bhargava, president of the Chandni Chowk Traders Association, whose shop is about 800 metres away from the incident site, said the entire building shook due to the blast. There was chaos in the market as people started running, he shared. The blast came hours after the recovery of around 360 kg of suspected ammonium nitrate and a cache of arms and ammunition from a Kashmiri doctor's rented accommodation in nearby Fariadabad. Haryana Police, in coordination with their Jammu and Kashmir counterparts, arrested Dr Muzammil Ganaie

from Faridabad's Dhauli area recovered explosives, weapons, and timers from his rented house. Eight people, including three doctors, were arrested and 2,900 kg of explosives seized with the uncovering of a "white collar" terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind and spanning Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, officials said. Among those arrested following a 15-day operation were Kashmir's Dr Ganaie in Faridabad and Dr Shaheen, a woman doctor from Lucknow, who was taken by air to Srinagar for custodial interrogation, officials said. An AK-47 rifle was found in her car.

## AP Revised Cyclone Damage To Rs 6k Crore, Seeks Centre Aid

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VIJAYAWADA: The Government of Andhra Pradesh has appealed to the Central Government for urgent financial assistance following the widespread devastation caused by Cyclone 'Montra', which battered several parts of the state last week. The total loss has been assessed at 6,384 crore, with the State seeking interim central aid of 901.4 crore for immediate relief and rehabilitation. An eight-member Central Team, led by Pasumbasu, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Dr K Ponnuswamy, Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, visited the state on Monday to assess the damage. The delegation



was briefed at the RTGS office in Amaravati, where Special Chief Secretary (Revenue) G Jayalakshmi and RTGS CEO and AP State Disaster Management Authority Managing Director Prakash Jain presented a detailed PowerPoint report on the scale of destruction. According to officials, Cyclone Montra caused extensive damage across 24 districts, impacting agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure, and housing sectors. In agriculture, 1.61 lakh acres of crops—including paddy, cotton, green gram, and maize—were destroyed, while 6,250 hectares of horticultural

crops and 17.72 hectares of mulberry plantations were damaged. In the fisheries sector, 3,063 hectares of fish ponds were affected. Infrastructure losses were equally severe. The Roads and Buildings Department reported damage to 4,794 km of roads and 311 bridges and culverts, while the Irrigation Department recorded destruction of 3,437 minor and 2,417 major and medium irrigation structures. Additionally, 4,566 houses, 1,853 schools, and 58 urban local bodies suffered significant damage. Officials noted that advance planning and tech-

nology-driven disaster management helped avert major loss of life. The State deployed 680 drones for real-time flood monitoring, rescue coordination, and damage assessment—one of the largest such operations in the country. Between October 27 and 29, Andhra Pradesh recorded 82.3 mm of rainfall, nearly nine times the seasonal average. The cyclone affected 443 mandals, leading to three deaths, submergence of 9,960 houses, and displacement of 1,11,402 persons. For relief efforts, 12 NDRF teams, 13 SDRF teams, 1,702 vehicles, and 110 trained swimmers were mobilized. A total of 2,471 rehabilitation centres were set up across 22 districts, sheltering 1.92 lakh displaced persons.

## Cabinet Approves Rs 1L Crore Investment Proposals, Major Infra Push

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VIJAYAWADA: The 1372nd (35th) Cabinet meeting of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, was held on Monday at the State Secretariat. The Cabinet approved a series of landmark decisions across key sectors—investment, infra-

structure, energy, governance and financial reforms—designed to accelerate the state's economic growth, attract close to 1 lakh crore in new investments, and generate substantial employment opportunities for the youth. Minister for Information, Public Relations and Housing, Kolu Parthasarathy, briefed the media following the meeting, highlighting that ap-

provals were granted for 40 major agenda items. The decisions underscore the government's commitment to creating a robust industrial ecosystem, improving governance efficiency, and advancing the development of Amaravati and other regional hubs. Key Highlights of Cabinet Decisions 1. Investment and Infrastructure Boost The Cabinet cleared

several major projects and funding proposals aimed at strengthening the state's physical and industrial infrastructure. Airport Development Support: Approved providing back-to-back loan support for the repayment of HUDCO loans taken by the AP Airport Development Corporation Limited (APADCL), including issuance of a



Letter of Comfort to facilitate the process. Amaravati Capital City Infrastructure: Sanctioned a comprehensive funding package for Amaravati's infrastructure revival: 595.01 crore for construction of Flood Pumping Station-2. 1,863 crore for utility ducting and allied works

across Land Pooling Scheme (LPS) zones. Approval of L1 bids for infrastructure packages (46, 47, 48). Sanctioned borrowing of 7,500 crore from NaBFID for development in Zones 4, 9, and 12. Cleared an additional 1,500 crore loan from APPFCL to expedite key capital city projects.

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### Noted poet Andesri passes away

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Hyderabad: Acclaimed Telangana poet and lyricist Andesri, who penned the state anthem "Jaya Jayahe Telangana", passed away on Monday while undergoing treatment at Gandhi Hospital. He was 64. Andesri was shifted to Gandhi Hospital late on Sunday night after he collapsed in his house in Lalaguda. He breathed his last at around 7.30 a.m., the doctors said. Andesri is survived by three daughters and a son. Born on July 18, 1961, in Rebarthi village of Maddur mandal in the present Jangaon district, his actual name was Ande Yellaiah.

Despite having no formal schooling, he rose to become one of Telangana's most celebrated poets. Through simple and heartfelt language, he strived to create social awareness. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Kakatiya University in recognition of his contributions.

The work "Mayama Pothunnadamma" brought him significant popularity. The eminent poet played a significant role in the Telangana movement through his writings and songs. His composition "Jaya Jayahe Telangana Janani Jaya Ketanam" became the anthem of the statehood struggle and was adopted as the official state song by the Congress government in December 2023.

Andesri was honoured with a cash award of Rs one crore by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during the Telangana Formation Day celebrations this year in recognition of his immense contribution. At the same event on June 2, his song "Jaya Jayahe Telangana" was officially released with a tune composed by the well-known musician Keeravani.

Andesri was also a leading lyricist who penned songs for several socially conscious and revolutionary

films. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed deep shock over the sudden demise of Andesri and announced that his last rites will be performed with state honours. The passing away of the great Telangana writer Andesri, who penned the popular Telangana state song "Jaya Jayahe Telangana", is a huge loss to the Telangana literary world, the Chief Minister said, remembering that the song 'Jaya Jayahe Telangana' stood as the voice of crores of people during the Telangana movement and in the achievement of a separate state.

CM Revanth Reddy also recalled his close association with Andesri after the "people's government" came to power, during the composition of the Telangana song with new voices and the ideas shared with him for the state's development.

Andesri's yeoman services in the achievement of statehood for Telangana are praiseworthy, and Telangana people will remember him forever, the Chief Minister said, expressing deep sympathies to the bereaved family members.

CM Revanth Reddy instructed the officials to perform the last rites of Andesri with state honours. State Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao was directed to make arrangements for the same.

State Ministers, Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, state BJP chief Ramchander Rao, Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay and leaders of various political parties condole the death of Andesri. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu also expressed shock over the demise of Andesri. He termed it an irreplaceable loss to the Telugu literary world.



AP Chambers Welcomes Release of Food Processing Incentives Benefiting 222 Units

TPN Bureau | Nov 10 VIJAYAWADA: The Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) has welcomed the State Government's decision to release long-pending food processing sector incentives, benefitting 222 industrial units across Andhra Pradesh. In a statement, AP Chambers extended its gratitude to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for prioritizing the revival of the sector, calling the move a major boost to industrial confidence and growth. The Chamber noted that the food processing industry is one of the State's most promising sectors, offering immense opportunities for value addition, exports, and employment generation.



"The release of these incentives will strengthen investor confidence, accelerate the execution of new projects, and enhance the entire food value chain from farm to market," the statement said. AP Chambers estimated that the sector could attract 40,000 to 50,000 crore in investments over the next three to four years, creating substantial employment and supporting regionally balanced development. The Chamber expressed appreciation to Industries and Com-

merce Minister T.G. Bharath, Principal Secretary Chiranjivi Chowdary, and Dr. Sekhar Babu, CEO of the Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Society, for their proactive leadership and continued support to the industry.

AP Chambers also lauded the recently unveiled Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Policy 2024-29, describing it as a forward-looking, investor-friendly framework that would position the State as a national hub for agro and food-based industries. The Chamber reaffirmed its commitment to work with the State Government to advance sustainable industrial and agro-economic development across Andhra Pradesh.

Minister Durgesh Calls for Global Tourism Promotion and Investment in Andhra Pradesh

Non-stop Vijayawada-Singapore flight to boost tourism connectivity from November 15

TPN Bureau | Nov 10, VIJAYAWADA: Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh has called for joint efforts by government and private stakeholders to promote Andhra Pradesh globally as a premier tourism destination, attract major investments, and generate large-scale employment. Speaking as the chief guest at a tourism stakeholders' meet organized by the AP Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (APCCIF) in Vijayawada, the minister said the government's priority is economic growth and job creation through tourism-led development. During the event, Minister Durgesh unveiled the poster of the new non-stop Indigo

flight (6E 1029) connecting Vijayawada and Singapore, scheduled to commence on November 15. The flight will depart from Vijayawada at 10:05 a.m. and reach Singapore at 4:40 p.m., with the return flight (6E 1030) departing Singapore at 6:10 a.m. and arriving in Vijayawada at 7:45 a.m. the same day.

Highlighting the state's new Tourism Policy, the minister said Andhra Pradesh is making rapid progress with strong government-industry collaboration. "Tourism has been accorded industrial status, and a comprehensive policy framework—covering caravan tourism, homestays, and land allotment—has been launched to accelerate growth," he stated. Durgesh lauded the AP Chambers for forming a dedicated Tourism Division with specialized committees for MICE, adventure, wellness, heli-tourism, and health tourism,

calling it a model for effective coordination and growth. He stressed that the PPP model will be the cornerstone of Andhra Pradesh's development strategy, assuring investors of land parcels, incentives, and single-window clearances from the government.

"Andhra Pradesh's natural beauty surpasses even Kerala's," Minister Durgesh said, stressing the need for aggressive domestic and international promotion to showcase the state's beaches, hills, and cultural heritage. He urged stakeholders to collaborate on a global outreach campaign to make Andhra Pradesh a world-class tourism hub. Commending the state leadership, he said CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan have taken transformative decisions for tourism over the past 15 months, ensuring policy innovation and investment facilitation.

CM Directs Officials to Prepare Action Plan for Visakha Economic Region

Focus on Cargo Handling, Green Energy and Medical Tourism Development

TPN Bureau | Nov 10 Vijayawada: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan for the development of the Visakha Economic Region, stretching from Srikakulam to Konaseema, with the goal of transforming the region into a major growth hub for Andhra Pradesh.

Reviewing the progress on the proposed economic region at the Secretariat on Monday, the Chief Minister stressed the need to formulate suitable policies to attract large-scale domestic and international investments. He said that the Visakha Eco-



nom ic Region has the potential to become a vital industrial and logistics corridor for eastern India.

Highlighting the importance of infrastructure, the CM instructed officials to prioritize cargo-handling projects across ports from Mulapet in Srikakulam to Kakinada, noting that these ports serve as crucial gateways for Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Mahar-

ashtra. He said that the coastline must be developed as an East-West Coastal Corridor to enhance trade and connectivity. The Chief Minister underscored the need to focus on green energy and renewable projects, aligning with the state's vision of sustainable industrial growth. He said Visakhapatnam is poised to emerge as a global IT hub, especially with the establish-

ment of the Next Gen AI Data Centre by Google, which will spur digital infrastructure and innovation. Chandrababu Naidu also proposed the development of Visakhapatnam as a healthcare and medical tourism hub, citing its strong network of hospitals, favorable climate, and global connectivity. He instructed officials to plan for integrated housing projects to

meet the growing residential demand in and around the city.

According to initial estimates, the Visakha Economic Region is expected to attract investments worth \$100 to \$115 billion, including \$15 billion from central government initiatives and \$85 billion from the private sector.

During the meeting, senior officials requested the Chief Minister to constitute a Visakha Economic Region Development Authority (VERDA) to oversee and coordinate the execution of projects across sectors such as ports, logistics, energy, healthcare, and information technology.

The Chief Minister assured that the proposal would be examined and directed departments to work in coordination to ensure the rapid, sustainable, and inclusive development of the region.

AP Govt, CII Unveil Agenda for Partnership Summit 2025 in Visakhapatnam

Technology, trade, sustainability, and inclusive growth to drive two-day summit on November 14-15

TPN Bureau | Nov 10 VIJAYAWADA: The Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have announced the agenda for the Partnership Summit 2025, set to take place on November 14-15 at the AU Engineering College Grounds in Visakhapatnam. The flagship event will bring together global leaders, policymakers, and industry captains to deliberate on trade, technology, sustainability, inclusion, and the future of industrialisation.

The summit will open on November 14 with an Inaugural and Opening Plenary, themed "Trade: Technology, Trust and Trade Navigating the

New Geoeconomic Order." This session will set the tone for discussions on India's growth momentum, global partnerships, and government industry collaboration.

The Valedictory Session on November 15 will feature Syed Abdul Nazeer, Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, as Chief Guest, and Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, and N. Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, as Guests of Honour, alongside CII leadership.

Global growth and innovation in focus

Plenary sessions will address critical themes such as "Gateway to Growth: The Trade and Investment Imperative," "Strengthening Multilateralism," "Crisis to Competitiveness," and "Global Financial Architecture: Time for a Re-

set?"—all aimed at fostering resilient supply chains, economic security, and renewed multilateral cooperation.

Frontier technology will be a major focus, with sessions on AI for Viksit Bharat, AI and the Future of Jobs, International Collaboration on AI for Social Good, India's Precision Medicine Leap, Biodesign, and India's Space Leap. These discussions will explore the intersection of deep technology, human capital, and innovation ecosystems.

Under the banner of Future of Industrialisation, sessions will examine Advanced Manufacturing, Industrial Corridors 2.0, Semiconductors and Critical Minerals, and MSME Scale-Ups aimed at boosting productivity and readiness for Industry 4.0 and 5.0 transitions.

Sustainability and

inclusion

The sustainability track will spotlight Climate Risks for Indian Businesses, ESG Evolution, Sustainable Cities, Financing the Blue Frontier, and Green Hydrogen, linking climate action to investment and risk management. Parallel sessions on inclusion and skills will focus on Gender-Responsive Innovation, Reskilling for a New World, Youth Vision 2047, and AI-enabled jobs, reinforcing women-led development and workforce transformation aligned with India@2047 goals.

Andhra Pradesh as a growth hub A special series of Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) sessions will position the state as a strategic investment hub across defence, aerospace, space, drones, electronics, semiconductors, logistics, coastal manufacturing,

agribusiness, sustainable cities, tourism, and Tier-2 IT/GCCs. Andhra Pradesh will also highlight its vision to emerge as India's Green Hydrogen Valley, promoting indigenous supply chains and skills development. Another highlight will be Atmanirbhar Quantum in AP, showcasing the state's ambition to build a future-ready quantum ecosystem.

Country partnerships and global engagement

Dedicated country sessions with Russia, Japan, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore will strengthen international cooperation in trade, technology, and supply chains. The summit's Day 1 agenda will include plenaries on geoeconomics, AI for sustained growth, innovation, and Andhra Pradesh's industrial strategy, concluding with a cultural evening.

CID Intensifies Probe Into Parakamani Theft Case

TPN Bureau | Nov 10 CID Intensifies Probe into Tirumala Parakamani Theft Case The CID has stepped up its investigation into alleged irregularities in the Tirumala Parakamani (temple offerings) theft case. A team of officials on Monday continued their inquiry at the Padmavathi Guest House in Tirupati, questioning key individuals linked to the incident. Former police officers who earlier served at the Tirumala I Town Police Station Sub-Inspector Lakshmi Reddy and Circle Inspector Jaganmohan Reddy appeared before the CID for questioning.

Giridhar, who served as the Vigilance and Security Officer (VSO) of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) at the time of the theft, was also examined. According to the investi-



gation, a staff member named Ravikumar, who had been working for years as an accountant on behalf of a religious trust, allegedly diverted foreign currency donations collected at the Parakamani. On April 29, 2023, during the previous YSRCP government, Ravikumar was reportedly caught while attempting to conceal

foreign currency notes inside his clothes.

Officials, suspecting his movements, conducted a search and discovered the hidden money. Following a complaint by then AVSO Satish Kumar, an FIR was filed against him. Officials confirmed that Ravikumar had attempted to steal 900 US dollars, then valued at around Rs

72,000. Further allegations suggest that while 112 notes were confiscated, official records mentioned only nine, raising deeper concerns of long-term misappropriation.

Reports indicate that Ravikumar amassed wealth amounting to several crores through such malpractice over the years. It is also al-

leged that influential figures from the YSRCP period intervened to settle the case through the Lok Adalat and subsequently took over his properties. The CID is now scrutinizing these claims to uncover the full extent of the scam, possible administrative negligence, and any political links behind the attempted cover-up.

Andhra leaders condole demise of Telangana poet Ande Sri



Amaravati, Nov 10 (PTI) Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and state Congress president Y S Sharmila on Monday joined leaders across the Telugu states in condoling the demise of noted poet and lyricist Ande Sri.

Ande Sri, the author of Telangana's iconic state song 'Jaya Jaya he Telangana', died in Hyderabad this morning. Naidu described Ande Sri as a remarkable poet



who gave Telangana its State song and termed his death an "irreparable loss" to the Telugu literary world.

"Deeply saddened by the demise of renowned poet Ande Sri, who gave Telangana its state song," Naidu said in a post on X. Sharmila also paid tribute to Ande Sri, calling him a people's poet who awakened the society through his words. She prayed for his soul's peace and family's strength.



# BCs Achieved Recognition Only Through TDP: Minister Savita

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VIJAYAWADA: State B C, EWS Welfare, Handloom and Textiles Minister S Savita stated that the political, economic, and social advancement of Backward Classes (BCs) has been made possible only through the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) under the leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

Speaking after meeting representatives of the newly elected Amara-vati Kuruma Welfare Association, Guntur district branch, at her Tade palli camp office, Minister Savita said the TDP has consistently worked for the upliftment of BCs. The delegation submitted a memorandum to the minister seeking resolution of several community-related issues. Minister Savita assured them that necessary steps would be



taken to address their concerns.

She announced that

Kurumas will be given priority under the upcoming Adarana 3.0 scheme and highlighted

that various self-employment initiatives are being implemented through the BC Welfare Department, giving special emphasis to the Kuruma community.

Reiterating the party's commitment to BC welfare, the minister said that TDP founder NT Rama Rao envisioned the social and economic empowerment of BCs and CM Chandrababu Naidu continues to follow that path by introducing several welfare schemes for their development. "While the previous gov-

ernment neglected and suppressed BCs, Chandrababu Naidu stood by them and ensured their recognition and progress," she remarked.

Minister Savita congratulated the newly elected representatives of the association's Guntur district branch. Among those who met the minister were association president Marri Venkata Satyanarayana, vice-president B Umamaheswara Rao, general secretary B Ramakrishna, treasurer KV Satyanarayana, and other members.



## Lanka Dinakar Alleges TTD's Spiritual Sanctity Was Compromised Under YSRCP Rule

**Calls Adulterated Ghee Use in Tirumala Laddus an "Unpardonable Crime"**

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VIJAYAWADA: Lanka Dinakar, Chairman of the Twenty Point Program, has strongly condemned the alleged use of adulterated ghee in the preparation of the sacred Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) laddus, calling it "an unpardonable crime against the sanctity of Lord Venkateswara."

Speaking to the media, Dinakar said the revelations emerging from the CBI investigation into the adulterated ghee supply were "deeply disturbing" and exposed how the spiritual integrity of

TTD was compromised during the 2019-2024 period, when the institution was under the control of the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government.

He alleged that during that time, the TTD was treated "not as a spiritual centre but as a source of income for the ruling party's associates." Dinakar claimed that the CBI probe had uncovered shocking details regarding large-scale irregularities in ghee procurement for the temple's famed Srivari laddus.

According to Dinakar, a company named Bole Baba Organic Dairy supplied nearly 68 lakh kilograms of ghee to TTD between 2019 and 2024, despite not having collected "a single drop of milk or butter" from any source. "The CBI has

also identified the suppliers of the chemicals used in manufacturing this adulterated ghee," he said, calling it a grave breach of faith and a threat to devotees' sentiments.

Dinakar accused the TTD board appointed by the previous YSRCP government of "being complicit in several irregularities and financial mismanagements. He said that despite repeated complaints and warnings, no corrective action was taken during that period.

"Those responsible for desecrating the sanctity of the Lord's offerings must face strict legal consequences," Dinakar demanded, urging the state government to ensure complete transparency and accountability in temple administration.



## TDP Minister Accuses Jagan Govt of Compromising TTD Sanctity; Calls YSRCP's Defeat 'Divine Retribution'

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VIJAYAWADA : Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Minister Dr Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy launched a sharp attack on the previous YSRCP government, alleging that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) laddus considered sacred by millions of devotees were adulterated during the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy regime for monetary gain. Addressing the media, the Minister questioned why no action was taken against companies such as Premier Agrifoods Pvt. Ltd., Vaishnavi Dairy Specialties Ltd. and Bholebaba Dairies, de-

spite multiple reports confirming adulteration of ghee with vegetable and palm oils. "When the reports clearly established the compromise in purity, why did the Jagan government shield the suppliers instead of taking punitive action?" he asked.

Dr Swamy also alleged that former TTD Chairman YV Subba Reddy refused to cooperate with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) by not sharing his bank details and claimed that he "operated the adulteration racket from Delhi." He said that such actions amounted to a grave betrayal of devotees'

faith. "Playing with Srivari Prasadam and adulterating the sacred laddu ghee is an unforgivable sin," the Minister asserted. He remarked that the YSRCP's electoral defeat, being reduced to just 11 seats, was a form of divine retribution for tampering with the sanctity of the temple and its offerings. Dr. Swamy said the current government is committed to restoring transparency, purity, and accountability in the administration of the TTD. He added that the state would ensure that no individual or entity "ever dares to commercialize or corrupt what devotees consider divine."

# YSRCP Slams Naidu Government Over 'Vendetta Politics', Illegal Cases and Liquor Mafia Nexus

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KURNOOL: The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has accused the Andhra Pradesh coalition government of turning the state into a "police-driven dictatorship" where dissent is punished and democracy is under threat.

Addressing a press conference in Kurnool on Sunday, YSRCP Legal Cell State President Manohar Reddy and District President and former MLA SV Mohan Reddy alleged that the government is misusing the police force to silence critics, protect the liquor mafia, and frame opposition leaders and citizens in fabricated cases.

"The government is deliberately targeting social media users, party functionaries, and journalists for merely questioning those in power," Manohar Reddy said. He referred to the recent

bus-burning case, alleging that even before the facts were established, police and ruling leaders concocted narratives to implicate innocent people. "The DIG gave contradictory statements — first claiming the bikers were sober and later saying they were drunk based on CCTV footage. They even spread propaganda that the victims consumed adulterated liquor from belt shops, only to later arrest critics who questioned this version," he said.

Reddy claimed that 27 citizens were booked merely for their social media posts, calling it "a brazen attack on civil liberty." He accused the government of using sedition-style, ganja, and harassment cases to instill fear among the opposition and media. "Even YSRCP Media State Secretary Pudi Srihari has been targeted," he noted. Former MLA SV Mo-



han Reddy challenged the ruling alliance to prove that belt shops do not exist in the state. "If they can prove it, we will quit politics. Otherwise, let the TDP explain why thousands of illegal belt shops and spurious liquor factories continue to operate," he said. He alleged that the TDP-backed liquor mafia was

manufacturing fake liquor and distributing it through illegal outlets while police framed YSRCP workers instead of going after real offenders.

Calling the current regime "a dictatorship disguised as democracy," the leaders warned that officials acting as politi-

cal agents would face accountability. They demanded the withdrawal of false cases, closure of illegal belt shops, and a return to democratic governance and welfare-oriented policies.

"The people's anger is growing. No government built on fear and vendetta can last," the YSRCP leaders declared.

## MP Bharat Announces Massive Investment Push Ahead of CII Summit in Visakhapatnam

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Vizag: Visakhapatnam MP M.V.V. Bharat announced that the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit will be held in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15, projecting a historic wave of investments into Andhra Pradesh. Speaking to reporters, Bharat said more than 400 agreements are expected to be signed

during the summit, potentially bringing investments worth around Rs. 9 lakh crore to the state.

The MP stated that the city administration is undertaking large-scale beautification works across Visakhapatnam in preparation for the global event, which will see the participation of leading national and international companies. He added that several

foundation-laying ceremonies for major projects are scheduled to take place in the coming week as part of the broader development momentum preceding the summit. However, Bharat strongly criticized leaders of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), accusing them of adopting an anti-development stance that undermines the state's progress.

He expressed disappointment that instead of supporting initiatives to attract industry and employment, the opposition was allegedly attempting to obstruct development efforts. "YSRCP leaders do not want Andhra Pradesh to progress," Bharat said. "They dislike seeing investments come into the state. Their political philosophy seems to rest on

keeping the poor in poverty rather than empowering them. During their rule, they scrapped several welfare programs designed to uplift weaker sections and even drove away industries that were ready to invest in our state." The MP alleged that despite being rejected by the public in the elections, YSRCP leaders have not changed their approach. "Devel-



opment is not in their vocabulary. They specialize only in destruction. While Visakhapatnam is preparing to host a world-class investment summit, these leaders are organizing protests and

rallies. People must recognize what such actions truly signify," he asserted. Bharat concluded that the CII Summit marks a turning point for Andhra Pradesh's economic future and expressed confi-

dence that the collaborative efforts between the government and industry would transform Visakhapatnam into one of India's fastest-growing investment destinations.



# AP DGP puts state on alert

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VIJAYAWADA : In view of the blast incident reported in Delhi today, the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, has issued instructions to all Superintendents of Police, Range DIGs, and IGPs to strengthen security measures across the State. All public places, vital installations, and sensitive locations are

being brought under enhanced security coverage. Special Branch and Intelligence Wings have been activated to collect field-level information and maintain close surveillance. The public is urged to remain alert and vigilant and to promptly report any suspicious objects, persons, or activities to the nearest police station or by dialing



100 / 112. Particular attention is being given to places of mass gatherings, with intensified patrolling, checking, and monitoring through CCTV networks and special teams. All field officers have been directed to launch special operations to ensure the safety and security of citizens throughout the State.

## VP. SIDDHARTHA STUDENTS SHINE IN VVIT BALOTSAV

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Vijayawada: Students of V.P. Siddhartha Public School showcased remarkable talent at the VVIT Balotsav held at Nambur by participating in various cultural and literary competitions such as paper craft, digital drawing, folk dance, clay modeling, group dance, classical singing, English and Telugu elocution, Sanskrit sloka recitation, instrumental music, spell bee and more, winning several prizes. Outstanding Achievements V. Mounika secured First Prize in Digital Drawing. K. Nishik (Sub-Junior Category) won First Prize in Sanskrit Sloka Recitation Instrumental Music Telugu Poem Recitation K. Rithvik (Class 7) won First Prize in Paper Craft. Vidya Jain (Class 7) bagged Second Prize in Paper Craft. Nihar won First Prize in Digital Drawing and Second Prize in Paper Craft (Junior Category). Prithmya Jain (Class 6) received Second Prize in Paper Craft. Sree Mahee secured Second Prize in Folk Dance (Solo). The school Principal Mr. Meda Seetharamaiah, Vice-Principal Mrs. Rosemary, and Headmistress Mrs. Jayalakshmi congratulated all the prize winners and appreciated their hard work, creativity, and dedication. They also acknowledged the support of teachers and parents in guiding the students towards excellence.



## Foundation Laid for MSK Prasad International Cricket Academy in Amaravati



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VIJAYAWADA: The foundation stone for the MSK Prasad International Cricket Academy was laid on Monday at Pichukalapalem in Amaravati. Spread across 12 acres, the academy aims to nurture world-class cricketers by offering advanced training and education facilities within Andhra Pradesh's capital region. Former Indian cricketer MSK Prasad and his family members participated in the foundation ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Prasad said the upcoming complex would be developed into a

world-class sports hub focused on fostering local cricketing talent and strengthening Amaravati's sports ecosystem. The integrated sports campus will include a state-of-the-art indoor training academy with advanced nets and performance analysis systems, accommodating up to 400 trainees. It will also feature an international residential school combining academics and sports training for 1,000 students. Additional facilities include hostels for players and visiting teams, a mini cricket stadium for local tourna-

ments, modern gyms, physiotherapy and rehabilitation centres, and indoor and outdoor training zones with advanced conditioning equipment. An Olympic-standard swimming pool and athlete wellness amenities will further enhance the complex. The initiative underscores the Andhra Pradesh Government's commitment to creating world-class sports infrastructure. With full support from APCRDA, Amaravati is poised to emerge as a major centre for sports excellence in the region.

## Man stabs mother, brother to death after argument in West Godavari

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Bhimavararam : (Andhra Pradesh) A 38-year-old man stabbed his mother and younger brother to death following a heated argument here, police said on Monday. The accused, G Srinivas, attacked his mother, Mahalakshmi (60) and brother, Ravi Teja (33) at their home in West Godavari district late on Sunday night after a heated argument, police said. He accused them of mentally harassing him and always taking sides against him, police said. "Srinivas killed his mother and younger brother by stabbing

them to death," the official told PTL. Police said Srinivas alleged that his mother always supported his younger brother and that their "continued harassment" pushed him to the crime. Both died on the spot from their injuries, police added. Following the attack, Srinivas called the police and surrendered, confessing to the crime, the official said. Police have registered a case under Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) in connection with the incident, and further investigation is underway.

## Driver Dies of Heart Attack On Bus, Saves 50 Students

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Alamuru: A tragic yet inspiring incident was reported in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kona-seema district, where a bus driver's presence of mind saved the lives of 50 college students even as he suffered a fatal heart attack behind the wheel. The incident occurred on Monday morning near Madiki village in Alamuru mandal, along the national highway. According to local sources, the deceased has been identified as D. Narayana Raju, a resident of Madiki village. He was employed as a driver for the Giet Engineering College bus based in Rajamahendravaram. On the day of the incident, Narayana Raju was transporting students from Ganti village of Kothapeta mandal to the college when he suddenly experienced severe chest pain, suspected to be due to a heart attack. Despite the immense pain and failing health, the

driver managed to remain composed. Eyewitnesses and students on board recounted that as he began to lose consciousness, he immediately reduced the bus's speed and carefully steered it to the side of the road, preventing what could have been a major tragedy. Moments later, he collapsed against the steering wheel. The students realized something was wrong when the vehicle came to a halt. Acting quickly, they rushed toward the driver's seat only to find Narayana Raju motionless. Some students called for help while others tried to revive him. Local residents and passersby soon gathered at the scene, and an ambulance was called immediately. However, the medical team confirmed that the driver had already passed away by the time assistance arrived. Villagers and students expressed deep sorrow over his demise, lauding his bravery and extraordi-



nary sense of duty. "Even while dying, he ensured that every student reached safely. He is nothing less than a hero," said one of the locals. Police have registered a case and shifted the body to the local government hospital for postmortem. The college management also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family, recognizing Narayana Raju's sacrifice and selfless act that prevented a potential disaster. As the village mourns his loss, the story of Narayana Raju's courage and responsibility continues to inspire many. His final moments stand as a testament to the power of duty, compassion, and remarkable human spirit.

## Vizag Youth Ends Life Over Job Failure and Debt Pressure

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Visakhapatnam: A tragic incident in Visakhapatnam has highlighted the growing stress among unemployed youth struggling to meet financial commitments. A 31-year-old man from Srikakulam district ended his life in Madhuranagar, reportedly depressed over his prolonged unemployment and mounting loan burden. The deceased, identified as Sampath Kumar, hailed from Korlam village in Srikakulam district. According to police sources, Sampath was well educated, having completed an MBA, and had been trying for several years to secure a suitable job. Despite multiple attempts, he was unsuccessful in finding stable employment, which caused him significant distress over time. Police said Sampath had recently purchased a new bike by taking a loan from a private finance company. However, as he remained jobless, he fell behind on his monthly



EMI payments. The finance company's staff reportedly seized his bike after repeated defaults, leaving Sampath deeply dejected. Neighbors told the police that he had been visibly disturbed over the past few weeks and had withdrawn from social interactions. On Monday, Sampath was found hanging from a ceiling fan in his rented room in Madhuranagar. His friends, who had not seen him since morning, discovered his body and immediately informed the po-

lice. Law enforcement officers rushed to the spot and began their preliminary investigation. The body was later shifted to King George Hospital (KGH) for post-mortem examination. Police recovered a handwritten note at the scene, which appeared to be a suicide letter. In the note, Sampath reportedly apologized to his mother, writing, "Sorry, Amma. I couldn't achieve what I wanted. No one is responsible for my death." This statement indicated that the young man had been suffering from intense emotional distress due to his unemployment and debt. The officials have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances leading to his death. They suspect that prolonged joblessness and pressure from the finance company may have pushed him over the edge. The incident has sparked concern among locals, who urge authorities to address the problem of educated unemployment and to ensure that financial institutions act responsibly when handling loan defaulters. Sampath's death serves as a grim reminder of the mental health challenges facing today's youth amid rising economic pressures and limited career opportunities.

## Private Travels Bus Narrowly Escapes Major Accident Near Reddigudem

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Peddigudem: A major road mishap was averted in Palnadu district on Monday night when a private travels bus en route from Hyderabad to Bapatla narrowly escaped a serious accident near Reddigudem village in Rajupalem mandal. According to local sources, the bus, carrying about 30 passengers, lost control after hitting large pipes that were placed along the roadside for ongo-

ing road-widening works. The impact caused the vehicle to tilt sharply to one side, creating panic among the on-board passengers. However, due to the driver's timely response and the sturdy balance of the bus, a grave disaster was prevented. Witnesses said the passengers, many of whom were returning home after the weekend, were alarmed but acted calmly. All commuters managed to



exit safely through the emergency door soon after the vehicle came to a halt. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in the incident. Local residents and workers at the roadside construction site quickly gathered at the spot to assist the passengers. Police arrived shortly after being alerted and conducted an initial inquiry into the incident. Preliminary reports suggest the accident oc-

curred due to inadequate lighting and the absence of proper warning signs at the road-expansion work area. Authorities are expected to review the safety standards maintained by the contractor responsible for the construction. The incident has once again raised concerns about road safety measures in ongoing infrastructure projects across Palnadu district.







# Youth Employment Drives Bihar Poll Agendas Ahead of Elections

As Bihar heads to Phase 1 Assembly elections, youth employment has emerged as the central issue shaping political narratives. Parties are tailoring their promises to attract young voters, who form a significant portion of the electorate and are increasingly vocal about the need for local job opportunities and industrial growth.

In Patna, the newly-built Ganga riverfront, dubbed the city's 'Marine Drive,' is bustling with youngsters unwinding after long days of competitive exam preparations. Many, like Ankit Kumar, a TRE aspirant, emphasize that employment remains the top priority for Bihar's youth. "Youth toh sabse pehle rozgaar chaahtha hai, chaahe koi bhi ho," he remarked, highlighting a sentiment shared across the state.

Political parties are responding with diverse promises. The NDA has pledged one crore new jobs alongside initiatives for industrial development and infrastructure expansion. The goal is to create an ecosystem where graduates and skilled youth can find employment within Bihar, reducing the need to migrate to metros like Delhi, Bengaluru, or Mumbai.

Meanwhile, the Mahagathbandhan is focusing on direct support, proposing one government job per household and unemployment stipends to ease the immediate pressure on young job seekers. Both alliances recognize that addressing education-to-employment gaps, skill development, and access to industrial jobs is essential to secure the youth vote.

Experts note that Bihar's youth face limited opportunities in local industries despite the state's growing manufacturing, food processing, and IT sectors. Young voters are increasingly asking for companies and industries to set up operations locally, so they can build careers without leaving their hometowns. Industrial hubs in Patna, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, and Bhagalpur are being highlighted as potential centers for growth, particularly in IT, textile, and agro-based sectors.

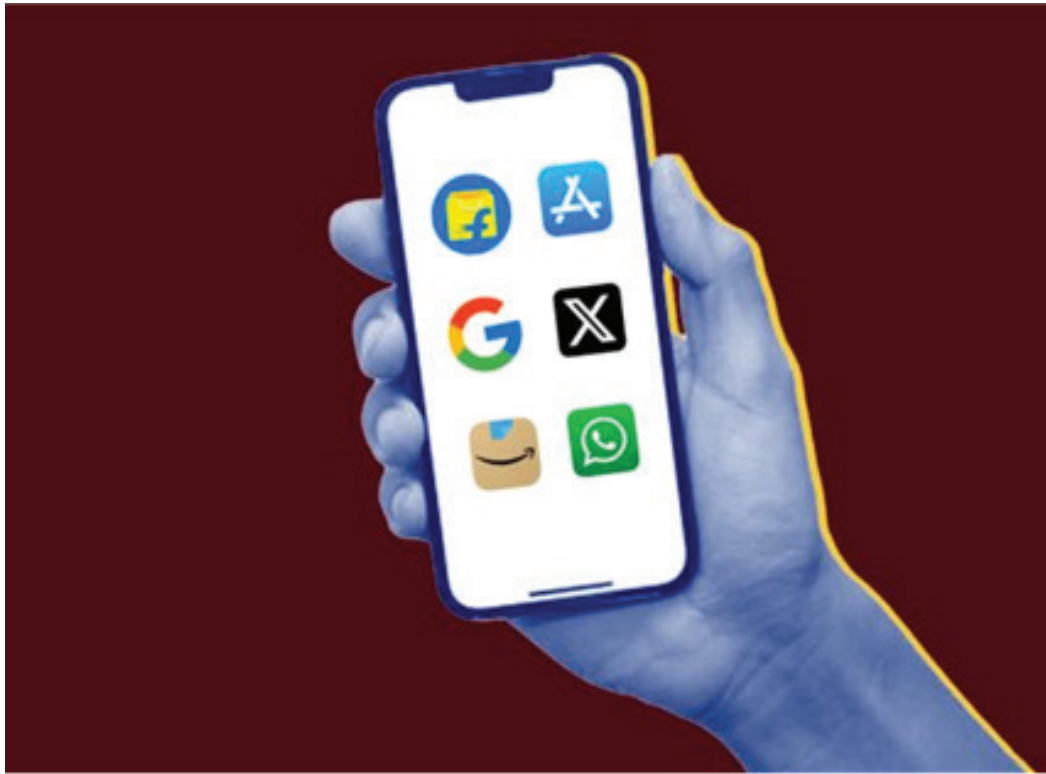
While some students express satisfaction with recent development initiatives, many call for long-term, sustainable employment rather than short-term schemes. "We want industries, not just promises," said another youth in Muzaffarpur.

With job creation taking center stage, Bihar's young electorate is influencing political agendas more than ever. As parties compete to win their favor, employment and industrial development are likely to remain key determinants of the state's political landscape in this election season.

The focus on youth jobs underscores a broader demand: that Bihar's development translates into tangible career opportunities, empowering local talent and reducing the perennial outflow of graduates to other states.



## NCLAT Rulings Spotlight India's Tough Stance on Big Tech



India's regulators are sending a clear message to Big Tech, as the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) recently ruled on WhatsApp's privacy practices, upholding a penalty while scrapping a blanket ban on data sharing with Meta. The decision highlights India's balanced approach—penalizing unfair practices without imposing extreme restrictions.

The case traces back to November 2024, when the Competition Commission of India (CCI) found that WhatsApp had abused its dominant position by forcing users to accept its 2021 privacy policy, which allowed user data sharing with Meta for advertising and business purposes. The CCI fined Meta and WhatsApp Rs 213 crore and imposed a five-year data-sharing ban. On appeal, the NCLAT agreed that the privacy update restricted user choice and transparency,

upholding the fine, but removed the data-sharing ban, stating that the CCI had not demonstrated specific market harm.

India's regulatory scrutiny extends beyond WhatsApp. In 2022, Google was fined Rs 1,337 crore for leveraging its dominance in the Android ecosystem by pre-installing apps like Search, Chrome, and YouTube, limiting consumer choice and challenging smaller competitors. A separate

CCI case against Google's Play Store billing policies resulted in a Rs 936.44 crore fine, later reduced by the NCLAT to about Rs 216.69 crore, emphasizing the need for transparency and allowing developers alternative payment options.

E-commerce giants have also been under the lens. Amazon and Flipkart faced investigations over preferential treatment to certain sellers and the use of foreign investment structures to subsidize services, disadvantaging ordinary vendors. The CCI imposed a Rs 200 crore penalty on Amazon in 2021 for misreporting investment details, which the NCLAT upheld in 2022. The Supreme Court later stayed the recovery pending further hearings.

These cases demonstrate India's proactive approach to regulating market dominance, ensuring fair competition while avoiding blanket restrictions that could disrupt digital markets. Analysts note that India's tech policy framework is evolving, combining penalties, monitoring, and regulatory oversight to protect consumer interests and support a level playing field.

With scrutiny extending to WhatsApp, Google, Amazon, Flipkart, and X (formerly Twitter), India is positioning itself as a country where Big Tech must comply with competition norms or face significant penalties, sending a strong signal to the global tech industry.

## Delhi's Air Crisis: When Lungs Become Collateral Damage

Delhi's struggle with air pollution has reached a point where breathing itself has become a daily challenge, yet public concern and official accountability appear to be fading. Research shows that toxic air is shortening residents' lifespans by nearly a decade, but the combination of political inaction, public indifference, and "whataboutery" has normalized Delhi's smog-filled days.

In previous years, citizens would raise alarms, post pictures wearing masks, and campaign online with hashtags like #rightto-breathe. Many still voice concerns, but a growing number of Delhiites have resigned themselves to coping rather than protesting. Air purifiers, masks, WFH options, and short escapes from the city have become the modern survival toolkit, but those without resources are left struggling in silence.

A troubling development this year is the erosion of trust in air quality data. Citizens no longer see the annual ritual of checking AQI before stepping out as meaningful. Allegations of tampering with AQI readings and water spraying at pollution sensors have cast doubt on official numbers. As a result, people are forced to breathe toxic air without reliable information, leaving both lungs and minds compromised.

Public engagement on pollution issues has shifted. Social media debates often place citizens on trial rather than



officials. Questions like "Why are farmers burning stubble?" or "What did the previous government do?" dominate discussions, shifting focus from systemic accountability to individual justifications. Persistent headaches, coughs, and sore throats further silence dissent, as people opt for quiet endurance over confrontation.

Even street protests face restrictions. Demonstrations at India Gate are quickly dispersed by police, forcing activists to relocate to designated spots like Jantar Mantar, while Supreme Court orders on limited firecracker windows are openly flouted during Diwali. The message is clear: citizens are restricted

in protest, even as air quality continues to worsen.

Delhi's air crisis exemplifies a grim reality: while political blame-games and social media fights continue, the real victims are the lungs of the city's residents. Clean air is not a political prize to be debated; it is a basic necessity, yet every year, Delhiites are forced to sacrifice their health as part of a recurring, seemingly inescapable cycle.

In the end, the fight for clean air remains lost in ritualized tolerance, while those who breathe the toxic air bear the consequences silently. The debate may continue, but the lungs of Delhi will never forget.

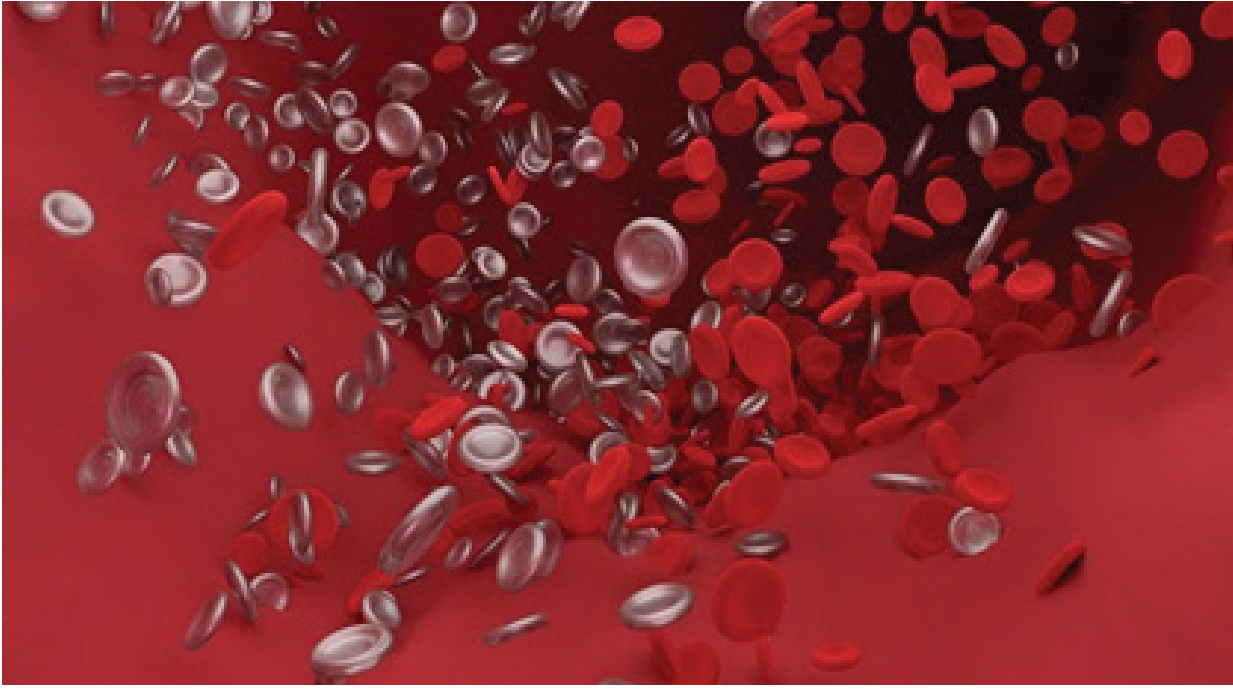
## Despite Health Campaigns, Blood Clot Awareness Remains Dangerously Low

Behind many sudden deaths in India lies an often-overlooked killer — blood clots that block blood flow to the heart, lungs, or brain. Globally, one in four deaths is linked to clotting disorders, more than those caused by AIDS, breast cancer, or road accidents combined. In India, clots strike at a younger age than in the West, often during people's most productive years. Of the 2.5 million heart-related deaths reported annually in India, a significant portion is triggered by clot formation.

Despite major campaigns for diabetes and hypertension, public awareness about clotting remains alarmingly low. Warning signs — chest

pain, swelling in a leg, shortness of breath, or dizziness — are often ignored until it's too late. Conditions such as deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE), collectively known as venous thromboembolism, can recur and cause lasting damage or sudden death if untreated.

The Covid-19 pandemic drew brief attention to clotting disorders when infections were found to make blood more prone to clotting by damaging vessels and activating platelets. The D-dimer test, which detects fragments of clots in the bloodstream, became widely known. However, as the pandemic faded, so did public concern.



The risk of clotting is higher among people who are sedentary, obese, diabetic, recovering from surgery, or undergoing cancer therapy. Women face additional risks during pregnancy or while taking oral contraceptives, and soldiers stationed at high altitudes are also vulnerable due to low oxygen and dehydration.

Experts stress that prevention is simple — move more, sit less, and stay hydrated. Standing or walking every hour can significantly reduce risk. Treatment has also advanced, with modern anticoagulants such as dabigatran and rivaroxaban providing safer, more targeted options than older drugs like

warfarin. India has contributed to innovation in this field through the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's streptokinase enzyme and ongoing research at IISc and IIT (BHU) into nano-based therapies.

India's first national registry for clotting disorders, i-RegVeD, launched by the ICMR in 2022, is already helping shape hospital protocols. Still, experts call for a nationwide awareness campaign across workplaces, airlines, and hospitals.

Blood clots may kill silently, but with early recognition, prevention, and timely care, India can turn this silent threat into a preventable one.



# Canvassing ends for Bihar final phase polls; 3.7 cr voters to seal fate of 1,302 leaders



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Campaigning for the second and final phase of Bihar assembly elections concluded on Sunday, ahead of polling on November 11. This phase covers 122 seats across 20 districts, with results slated for November 14. The closing day saw a flurry of high-profile cam-

paing. Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi led the blitzkrieg. Rahul Gandhi addressed rallies in Kishanganj and Purnea, reiterating allegations of "vote theft" and claiming that Prime Minister Modi, Shah, and the Election

Commission have no answers. Shah, campaigning in Sasaram and Arwal, accused the INDIA bloc of creating a "corridor for infiltrators" while presenting PM Modi's vision of an "industrial corridor." Over 3.7 crore voters will decide the fate of 1,302 candidates across 45,399 polling booths. Bihar po-

lice and central forces have beefed up security, sealing borders with Nepal, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and West Bengal, with 150 additional central companies deployed for tighter vigilance than the first phase. This phase includes Seemanchal (dense Muslim population), Kosi region

(large EBC population), parts of Mithilanchal, and Champaran. Unlike the first phase, where the Mahagathbandhan defended most seats, the NDA now carries the onus. In 2020, the NDA won 70 seats in this region, while the Mahagathbandhan secured 50.

Among NDA candidates, 53 are from BJP, 44 JD(U), 15 LJP (Chirag Paswan), four RLD, and six HAM. Key ministers under CM Nitish Kumar, including Bijendra Yadav, Nitish Mishra, Renu Devi, and Lesie Singh, are in the fray. For the Mahagathbandhan, RJD fields 72, Congress 37, VIP 10, and other allies four candidates. Leaders like Tejashwi Yadav, Priyanka Gandhi, and Mallikarjun Kharge campaigned extensively, though Tejashwi bore the main responsibility.

Key campaign themes included industrialization, job creation, infiltration concerns, and claims of "jungle raj" under opposition rule. PM Modi urged voters to exceed the first phase turnout of 65%, while both sides claimed confidence of victory.

# Unlimited possibilities to strengthen India, Angola ties in various sectors: Murmu

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President Droupadi Murmu has highlighted the "unlimited possibilities" for expanding ties between India and Angola across multiple sectors, including energy, agriculture, food processing, and medicines. She also noted opportunities to strengthen collaboration in critical minerals exploration and diamond processing.

Speaking during bilateral discussions with Angola President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço on November 9, 2025, in Luanda, Murmu emphasized the potential for deeper cooperation that could benefit both nations economically and strategically.

This visit marks the first state visit to Angola by an Indian President, reflecting the growing importance of the partnership. Murmu's trip coincides with Angola's 50th Independence Day celebrations on November 11, which she is set to at-



tend. It also comes during the commemoration of 40 years of diplomatic relations between India and Angola, established in 1985.

President Murmu described the bilateral discussions as an opportunity to explore innovative approaches to trade and investment, particularly

in sectors crucial for sustainable development. She stressed that enhancing ties in critical minerals and diamond processing could pave the way for mu-

tually beneficial industrial projects and technology exchanges.

The visit also includes engagements aimed at deepening cultural and educational ties and boosting people-to-people connections, strengthening the overall framework of India-Angola relations.

The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to expanding cooperation across sectors while exploring new avenues for economic growth, investment, and technological collaboration. Murmu's visit underscores India's intent to enhance strategic partnerships in Africa, focusing on sectors that can deliver tangible benefits to both countries.

The discussions set the stage for a renewed roadmap of collaboration, marking a milestone in the evolving relationship between India and Angola, with a focus on sustainable development, economic growth, and long-term strategic partnership.

# Registration not mandatory, we are recognised as a body of individuals: RSS chief



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat clarified on Sunday that the organisation does not require formal registration, stating that it is "recognised as a body of individuals."

Bhagwat's remarks came during his address at the '100 Years of Sangh

Journey: New Horizons' lecture series in Bengaluru on November 9, 2025. The RSS head responded to repeated questions regarding the organisation's registration status, explaining that the group operates as a collective of volunteers rather than a legally registered entity.

The clarification is significant given longstand-

ing public and media interest in the RSS's legal and organisational framework. Despite not being formally registered, the RSS has historically maintained a wide network of affiliates, schools, and community service initiatives across India.

During the lecture, Bhagwat also highlighted the RSS's century-long

journey, focusing on its societal and cultural contributions. He reiterated that the Sangh functions through the dedication and voluntary participation of its members rather than relying on legal formalities.

Experts note that while the RSS operates without formal registration, it has structured bodies and ini-

tiatives, including charitable, educational, and social outreach programs, which function within existing legal frameworks. Bhagwat's comments underline the organisation's self-perception as a voluntary cultural movement rather than a conventional entity requiring statutory recognition.

The lecture, which marked Day 2 of the series, drew attention to the RSS's historical evolution and future vision. The chief emphasised that the Sangh's work continues to focus on nation-building, cultural education, and social service, staying true to its foundational ethos.

Bhagwat's explanation regarding registration reinforces the RSS's longstanding position of functioning as a volunteer-driven network and clarifies public queries about its legal status, highlighting the distinction between administrative registration and organisational legitimacy.

# "Made Of Cardboard": Udhayanidhi Stalin Jabs Actor Vijay, TVK Responds



Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin launched a veiled attack on actor-turned-politician Vijay, suggesting that some individuals are entering politics without ideology or a strong foundation.

Speaking at the Platinum Jubilee celebration of DMK, Stalin emphasised the importance of ideology in politics, saying, "Ideology is the foundation of DMK. If the foundation is strong, then the fort built on it will also remain strong. Today, some are trying to enter politics without any foundation." His remarks were widely interpreted as a reference to Vijay, who heads the Tamilaga Vetttri Kazhagam (TVK).

In a sarcastic analogy,

Stalin compared Vijay and TVK to replica models of the Taj Mahal and Eiffel Tower, saying, "People get excited, take selfies, and feel thrilled. But those are just made of cardboard without any foundation or ideology. A slight touch or wind is enough." He added that the DMK was built through decades of struggle and sacrifice, recalling the party's hardships during the Emergency.

TVK swiftly responded to the comments. Loyola Mani, a TVK spokesperson, questioned Stalin's own political credentials, writing on X, "Udhayanidhi Stalin says DMK was built through sacrifice and struggle. But what is his role in that movement? What protests

has he faced? What sacrifices has he made?"

Mani also raised questions about Stalin's political rise, saying, "On what basis was he given the youth wing post and ticket to contest elections? Tell us what qualifications you have beyond being the grandson of former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi and the son of MK Stalin."

TVK concluded by asserting its political ambitions, claiming it will defeat the ruling DMK in the 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly elections. The exchange highlights increasing tensions ahead of the state elections, with veteran and new political players staking positions and drawing sharp lines in the state's political landscape.

# "Love PM Modi Bit Too Much": Chirag Paswan Affirms Loyalty To NDA



TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan reaffirmed his unwavering support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, saying he is "inseparable" from the PM and emphasizing that he will remain part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

Speaking to ANI, Paswan dismissed speculation about a post-poll alliance after the Bihar elections. "As long as my Prime Minister is there, I am absolutely not going anywhere. My dedication and my love remain. I love him a bit too much," he said. He noted that while he communicates with Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi, he has no in-

tention of leaving the NDA fold.

Reflecting on his father Ram Vilas Paswan's political legacy, Chirag highlighted the LJP's historical pattern of joining alliances before elections rather than post-poll. He recalled how his father, often called the political "weatherman," joined the UPA in 2004, leading to its unexpected victory. Chirag stressed that he continues this tradition of strategic alliances and loyalty.

Formed in 2000, the LJP initially joined the NDA, parted ways in 2002, and later joined the UPA in 2004. Following Ram Vilas Paswan's death in 2020, the party split into two factions: LJP (Ram Vilas) led by Chirag, and Rashtriya

LJP led by Pashupati Kumar Paras. Chirag rejoined the NDA ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, winning all five seats contested in Bihar.

Paswan reiterated his party's focus on development and the "Bihar First, Bihari First" agenda. He expressed confidence in the NDA forming a strong government in Bihar, attributing it to public faith in the "double-engine" government.

The upcoming second phase of the 2025 Bihar assembly polls will be crucial for the NDA, deciding the fate of key ministers from both JD(U) and BJP, including Nitish Kumar's cabinet members and other senior leaders in northern Bihar strongholds.



Super Typhoon Fung-wong Kills Four in Philippines



TPN Correspondent | Philippines

Super Typhoon Fung-wong, one of the strongest storms of the year in the Philippines, has claimed four lives as authorities begin assessing damage across the most populous island of Luzon. Over one million people were evacuated ahead of the typhoon's landfall on Sunday, amid howling winds, heavy rain, and storm swells. Most of the fatalities occurred due to a mudslide in Nueva Vizcaya, which buried a house and killed two children, while two others died from drowning and fallen debris, officials reported. Regional civil defence authorities also confirmed that landslides isolated at least four towns in Aurora province, where Fung-wong first made landfall. Residents described a harrowing night as strong winds tore through rooftops and tree branches, making it impossible to sleep. Romeo Mariano, who sheltered with his grandmother in Isabela province, said, "When we got out to check our home, we saw the dam-

age," though early assessments suggest that the overall death toll is likely to remain low. The storm has now shifted northeast toward Taiwan, with sustained winds dropping to between 130 kph and 160 kph (80-100 mph). Meteorologists warn that while the typhoon has weakened slightly, its outer bands could still bring heavy rain and storm surges to coastal areas. Fung-wong is the 21st typhoon of the year in the Philippines, striking just days after Typhoon Kalmaegi, which killed 224 people in the country and five in Vietnam. In anticipation of further impacts, the Taiwanese government has ordered evacuations in flood-prone areas, including the town of Guangfu on the island's east coast, historically vulnerable to typhoon-induced flooding. Authorities continue to monitor the storm closely, urging residents in affected areas to stay indoors, follow evacuation orders, and avoid traveling through flooded or landslide-prone zones.

Five Indians Kidnapped in Mali Amid Rising Jihadist Violence



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Five Indian nationals were kidnapped in western Mali last week, prompting urgent action by the Indian Embassy in Bamako. The hostages, employed by a company involved in electrification projects, were abducted near Kobori on November 6. No group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack. In a statement on X, the Indian Embassy said it is "working closely with the Malian authorities and the company concerned to secure their safe release as quickly as possible." New Delhi is monitoring the situation closely, coordinating with local officials to ensure the hostages' safety. Mali, currently under a military junta, has faced escalating unrest driven by criminal groups and jihadists linked to Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State. Kidnappings targeting foreigners are increasingly common, as security forces struggle to contain militant activities and protect vital infrastructure. The kidnapping comes amid worsening economic and security conditions, with the Al-

Qaeda-linked Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims (JNIM) imposing blockades and intensifying attacks on highways, fuel convoys, and government forces. The group has also targeted foreign workers, aid personnel, and industrial sites across Mali and the wider Sahel region. JNIM's recent operations include the abduction of two Emirati nationals and an Iranian near Bamako in September; the victims were released last week following a ransom reportedly exceeding \$50 million. The growing threat has led several countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, and Germany, to issue urgent travel advisories, urging citizens to leave Mali due to the "unpredictable security situation." Authorities continue to assess the situation as efforts to secure the release of the five Indians intensify. The incident underscores the persistent security risks faced by foreign workers in Mali and the broader Sahel region, where jihadist activity remains a major destabilizing force.

"People Against Tariff Fools": Trump Pledges \$2,000 "Dividends" To Americans

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US President Donald Trump has doubled down on his controversial tariff policies, promising that every American—excluding the wealthiest—will receive at least \$2,000 from tariff revenues. The pledge comes as the US Supreme Court questions the legality of his sweeping trade measures, marking a key test of executive powers in global economic policy. Trump defended his approach on his Truth Social platform, calling critics of tariffs "fools" and asserting that his policies have made the United States the "richest" and "most respected" nation in the world. He claimed that tariffs have driven record domestic investment, with new factories and plants being established across the country, and have contributed to "almost no inflation" and historically high 401(k) values. "Businesses are pouring into the USA ONLY BECAUSE OF TARIFFS," Trump wrote, emphasizing that his strategy has incentivized domestic



growth while reshaping the trade landscape. He also framed his actions as a matter of national security, questioning why the president could not impose tariffs even when foreign countries levy duties on the United States. Trump's remarks follow a Supreme Court hearing where justices—both conservative and liberal—challenged the administration's use of a 1977 law designed for national emergencies to justify broad tariffs. The court questioned whether such a sweeping executive action requires clear congressional approval, with some conservative justices acknowledging the presi-

dent's inherent powers in foreign trade but indicating a potential split in judgment. The case stems from lawsuits filed by 12 states and several businesses, arguing that Trump's tariffs exceeded executive authority. If upheld, the tariffs could generate trillions of dollars in revenue over the next decade, a significant portion of which Trump says will fund "tariff dividends" for Americans. He framed the payouts as a reward to citizens benefiting from his economic policies, while critics argue that the plan is economically risky and legally questionable. The Supreme Court's decision will have far-reaching implications, not only for the legality of Trump's tariffs but also for the limits of presidential power in shaping trade policy. Until then, Trump continues to champion his tariff program as a hallmark of his economic and foreign policy legacy, vowing to use the funds collected to directly benefit the American public.

China Suspends Special Port Fees on U.S. Ships

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China announced on Monday that it will suspend "special port fees" on U.S. vessels for one year, in a move signaling a tentative thaw in trade tensions between the two economic powers. The suspension will take effect simultaneously with the United States' temporary pause on levies targeting Chinese ships, reinforcing a fragile trade truce. The decision comes after a series of months marked by a volatile trade and tariff war between Washington and Beijing, which had disrupted global supply chains and raised concerns about the world economy. Chinese officials described the suspension as a reciprocal step following Washington's recent easing of certain tariffs on Chinese goods. The agreement follows the recent meeting between Presidents Xi Jinping and Donald Trump in South Korea, which ob-



servers hailed as a turning point in U.S.-China economic relations. While the overall trade war remains unresolved, both countries appear willing to explore temporary compromises to stabilize bilateral commerce and avoid further escalation. Analysts view the suspension of special port fees as a practical measure with immediate benefits for shipping companies and import-export businesses. U.S. vessels docking in major Chinese ports such as Shenzhen, Shanghai, and Guang-

zhou will be exempt from these additional charges for the duration of the year-long suspension, reducing operational costs and improving trade flows. Despite the positive steps, experts caution that the truce is precarious. Core issues such as intellectual property, technology transfer, and long-term tariff structures remain unresolved. Both nations are expected to continue high-level negotiations in the coming months to build a more durable framework for economic cooperation. For now, the suspension of port fees is a visible sign of mutual goodwill and the potential for easing tensions, offering a temporary reprieve to industries affected by months of trade hostilities. Stakeholders in the shipping and logistics sectors are closely monitoring further developments to gauge the stability of this emerging detente.

Nepal Urged to Seek India's Support for March Polls

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Nepali Congress leader and former minister Minendra Rijal has urged Nepal's interim government to actively seek logistical support from India and other friendly nations to ensure a smooth conduct of the upcoming March 2026 general elections. In an exclusive statement to ANI, Rijal highlighted the challenges and limited resources facing the election authorities. He emphasized that the government should not hesitate to request assistance from neighboring countries, particularly India, due to the open and porous border that makes logistical coordination easier. "We're not in the ideal time, so given what we have today, we must carefully assess what we need in terms of managing logistics," Rijal said. "Support from our friends, especially India, can be invaluable. Logistics can be easily brought from that side of the border compared to the northern



side. Other bilateral donors and multilateral organizations can also play a critical role." Rijal framed such cooperation as an investment in Nepal's democratic stability. He stressed that international support would help ensure the smooth conduct of elections and allow the incoming government to secure a legitimate mandate from the people. "We should be able to convince them this is an investment—an investment to put governance back together and ensure the new government has the people's mandate," he said. With just four months remaining before the polls, Nepal has already launched its voter registration drive. Long queues

have been reported outside district election offices as the registration deadline of November 16 approaches. Only citizens who turn 18 by March 4, 2026, will be eligible to vote in the elections that will elect a new House of Representatives. Rijal's comments underscore the urgency of logistical preparedness and the importance of international cooperation in safeguarding the integrity of Nepal's democratic process. The latest kidnapping underscores the persistent threats faced by expatriates in the Sahel region and the challenges Mali faces in maintaining security amid continuing political instability and jihadist violence. Authorities in Mali and India are reportedly monitoring the situation closely and coordinating efforts for the safe release of the kidnapped nationals. The incident is expected to heighten concerns over investments and international presence in Mali as the country struggles to regain stability.



# HUL Q2 Profit Rises 3.8% to ₹2,694 Crore

FMCG giant Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) reported a 3.8% rise in its consolidated net profit for the second quarter ending September 2025. The company's net profit climbed to ₹2,694 crore, up from ₹2,595 crore during the same quarter last year, according to a regulatory filing released on October 23.

HUL's revenue for the quarter also saw growth, increasing by 2.1% to ₹16,034 crore compared to the year-ago period. The modest rise in revenue and profit reflects steady performance amid a competitive and inflationary market environment.

The company's board approved an interim dividend of ₹19 per share for the fiscal year 2025-26, underscoring HUL's commitment to rewarding shareholders amid consistent earnings growth.

HUL, one of India's leading fast-moving consumer goods companies, operates across diverse product categories including personal care, home care, and foods. Its steady quarterly results suggest resilience in the face of fluctuating raw material costs and changing consumer demand.

The company continues



to focus on innovation and market expansion to drive sustainable growth. HUL's performance in Q2 also signals confidence in navigating macroeconomic challenges, maintaining market share, and tapping

into evolving consumer trends.

Industry experts view HUL's steady profit and revenue growth as a positive sign for the FMCG sector, indicating underlying demand strength

despite economic uncertainties.

With its robust portfolio and strategic initiatives, HUL remains well-positioned to capitalize on long-term growth opportunities in India's vast

consumer market.

The company is expected to maintain focus on cost efficiencies and digital transformation as it gears up for the remainder of the fiscal year.

HUL's second-quarter

results come at a time when FMCG companies are adapting to shifting consumer preferences and inflationary pressures, making these figures a closely watched indicator for the sector.

# Reliance Industries Recalibrates Russian Oil Imports to Follow India's Guidelines

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), one of India's largest importers of crude oil from Russia, has announced that it will recalibrate its Russian oil imports to comply with the Government of India's latest guidelines. This move comes in the wake of fresh sanctions imposed by the United States and European countries targeting Russian oil firms amid the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

A company official confirmed that Reliance is adjusting its procurement strategy to align with the directives issued by Indian authorities, ensuring compliance with evolving international and domestic regulatory frameworks. The recalibration aims to balance Reliance's operational requirements with India's broader geopolitical and economic considerations.

The U.S. and European sanctions, which target Russia's major oil producers, including Rosneft and Lukoil, have led to increased scrutiny and pressure on companies globally to reduce their exposure to Russian oil. India, being one of the largest buyers of discounted



Russian crude since the onset of the Ukraine conflict in 2022,

has faced significant diplomatic and economic challenges due

to these sanctions.

Reliance Industries' decision

to adjust its imports reflects the broader impact of these international sanctions on India's energy sector and highlights the government's efforts to navigate the complex geopolitical landscape while ensuring energy security. The recalibration also indicates India's intent to maintain a balanced approach in its trade relations amid the intensifying global focus on Russia's energy exports.

Industry sources suggest that while India continues to rely on Russian oil due to cost advantages, companies like Reliance are taking measured steps to align with international expectations and avoid secondary sanctions risks. The recalibration is expected to be a phased process, with companies closely monitoring the evolving situation to adapt their import strategies accordingly.

Reliance's move underscores the dynamic nature of the global oil market and the challenges faced by major importers in managing geopolitical risks while securing their energy needs.

# Rupee Strengthens by 13 Paise to 87.80 Against US Dollar in Early Trade

The Indian rupee appreciated by 13 paise to trade at 87.80 against the U.S. dollar in early trade on Thursday, October 23, 2025. Market participants attributed the gain to positive developments surrounding the U.S.-India trade deal, coupled with strong foreign fund inflows and upbeat domestic equity markets.

Forex traders highlighted that increased foreign investment inflows into Indian markets, alongside a broader risk-on sentiment globally, helped boost investor confidence and supported the rupee's upward momentum. The ongoing optimism around trade relations between the U.S. and India has played a key role in improving market sentiment and strengthening the local currency.

In addition to the trade deal, domestic equities saw positive trends during the initial trade ses-



sion, with benchmark indices like Sensex and Nifty rising sharply, further encouraging foreign

portfolio investors to pour money into Indian assets. This inflow of foreign capital is a critical

factor that has underpinned the rupee's gains in recent sessions.

The rupee's apprecia-

tion is also seen as part of a global risk-on environment, where investors are willing to take on more

risk amid hopes for easing geopolitical tensions and improved economic prospects. This positive risk appetite has benefited emerging market currencies, including the Indian rupee.

Currency analysts note that while the rupee remains influenced by multiple external factors such as crude oil prices, U.S. dollar strength, and global economic conditions, the current positive trajectory reflects growing confidence in India's economic outlook and trade diplomacy.

Overall, the early trade session's gain in the rupee marks a continuation of cautious optimism in the financial markets, supported by improving bilateral ties and steady foreign investments.

Traders will continue to watch global cues and domestic developments closely to gauge the rupee's trajectory in the coming days.

## Sensex Jumps Over 700 Points, Nifty Regains 26,000 Level in Early Trade



Mumbai: The Indian stock markets opened strong on Thursday, with the benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty posting significant gains in early trade. The Sensex surged over 700 points, while the Nifty reclaimed the psychologically important 26,000 mark, reflecting renewed investor optimism.

The upbeat sentiment was largely driven by positive developments around the U.S.-India trade negotiations, which have sparked hopes of a potential deal that could boost bilateral economic ties. This optimism encouraged fresh foreign fund inflows into the Indian markets, providing additional momentum.

Information Technology (IT) stocks led the rally, with robust buying interest propelling gains in the sector. Investors are optimistic about the growth prospects of IT companies amid improving global demand and increasing digital transformation initiatives worldwide.

Market analysts noted that foreign institutional investors (FIIs) played a crucial role in the early surge, channeling funds into Indian equities, which

helped boost liquidity and confidence. The renewed foreign inflows come at a time when global markets are cautiously watching geopolitical and economic developments.

Broader indices also followed the positive trend, with mid-cap and small-cap stocks witnessing buying interest. Market participants remained hopeful that the trade deal and strong corporate earnings could sustain the upward momentum in the near term.

The early session gains reflected a shift in market sentiment after recent volatility, with investors focusing on favorable policy cues and potential easing of trade tensions. The move above the 26,000 level on the Nifty is seen as a key technical milestone that could pave the way for further upside.

Overall, Thursday's early trade suggested a bullish start for Indian equities, supported by strong foreign participation and sectoral buying, particularly in IT stocks. Investors will be closely watching developments on the trade front and upcoming economic data for further direction.

## Infosys Promoters to Skip ₹18,000 Crore Share Buyback



Infosys Ltd announced that its promoters and promoter group will not participate in the company's ₹18,000 crore share buyback program, the largest buyback the tech giant has undertaken to date. The company revealed this in a stock market filing on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Infosys plans to buy back 10 crore shares at an average price of ₹1,800 per share, marking its fifth buyback in the last decade. This significant move reflects the company's strong cash position and confidence in its long-term prospects.

However, the promoters — including Sudha Gopalakrishnan, wife of co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan, who holds the largest promoter stake with 9,53,57,000 shares — have chosen not to participate in this buyback exercise. The company clarified that promoter-held shares were excluded when calculating the entitlement ratio for the buyback.

This decision means that only non-promoter shareholders are eligible to tender their shares in the buyback,

potentially increasing the percentage of shares bought back from the public and institutional investors.

Share buybacks are a common way for companies to return capital to shareholders, often signaling confidence in the firm's future performance and improving key financial metrics like earnings per share (EPS).

Infosys' buyback comes amid a phase of robust business performance and growth in the IT sector, with the company continuously expanding its global client base and digital services portfolio.

Market analysts view the buyback positively, suggesting it could provide support to Infosys' stock price while delivering direct returns to shareholders.

Investors will closely watch the buyback process and its impact on the stock, as well as any further corporate actions from Infosys in the near term.

The company's announcement underscores its commitment to prudent capital management while maintaining flexibility for future investments.



Modern Problems Require Modern Solutions



Bengaluru’s crumbling roads have long been a sore spot for its residents, but a recent incident near KR Road has pushed the frustration to new heights — or depths. A pothole nearly half a foot deep was spotted covered by an old couch, reportedly placed there by local shopkeepers as a warning for drivers and two-wheelers.

The unusual work-around gained attention after a photo of the scene was shared on Reddit. The uploader explained that despite the pothole being a hazard large enough to trap a scooter wheel, civic authorities had done little beyond placing traffic cones and barricades.

“The shopkeepers didn’t complain or attempt to fix it, they just placed a couch there,” the user wrote, noting how pedestrians and drivers merely avoid the pothole instead of addressing the larger issue. The Redditor also mentioned filing a complaint through the Namma Bengaluru (Sahaya) app, but said no response was received from civic authorities.

The image has since gone viral and reignited public anger over BBMP’s (now GBA’s) inaction. “I honestly don’t expect anything from the authorities,” the Reddit user added. “Unless people force change, things will remain the same for another decade.”

This pothole protest comes amid increasing scrutiny of Bengaluru’s urban infrastructure. Recent comments from top entrepreneurs like Rajan Anandan and Aadit Palicha highlight growing concern about the city’s traffic congestion and road conditions, while civic issues have sparked political debates between BJP and Congress leaders.

While the couch-covered pothole may have served as a creative — albeit desperate — safety measure, it also symbolizes the city’s deeper problem: citizens losing faith in civic accountability and choosing to improvise rather than wait for official action.

Viral Metro Art Mistaken for Madhubani Is Actually Warli, Confirms AI



A viral image showing a metro coach covered in stunning traditional artwork had the internet buzzing, with many believing it was part of Patna Metro’s initiative to celebrate Madhubani art. The vibrant patterns and cultural designs led social media users to praise the effort — but it turns out, the art isn’t Madhubani at all.

As appreciation poured in, eagle-eyed users began questioning the authenticity of the claim. “This doesn’t look like Madhubani,” one user wrote. Another chimed in, “Looks more like Warli art to me.” The confusion prompted a fact-check from an unusual but modern source — Grok, the AI chatbot from X (formerly Twitter).

When asked to identify the art form, Grok responded clearly: “That’s Warli art. Those geometric stick figures and tribal motifs are classic Warli style from Maharashtra — fits the Pune Metro hint perfectly.”

The revelation shifted the narrative. Not only was the artwork not Madhubani, it also wasn’t from Patna Metro. It was actually a Pune Metro coach, decorated in Warli art, a tribal style native to Maharashtra known for its simple stick figures and depictions of rural life.

Despite the confusion, the viral post highlighted public appreciation for India’s diverse folk art traditions. While one user joked, “At least it’s not the floor — or it would be covered in pan masala stains,” others celebrated the creative fusion of culture and urban transit.

The mix-up sparked debate but also showcased how India’s artistic heritage continues to thrive, even on modern platforms like metro coaches — whether it’s Madhubani in Bihar or Warli in Maharashtra.

Smart Bed Worth ₹1.75 Lakh Malfunctions , Users Face Sleepless Night

Owners of the high-end Eight Sleep “Pod” smart beds, priced around 1.75 lakh (\$2,000), were left frustrated after a global Amazon Web Services (AWS) outage caused widespread malfunctions late Monday night.

The Pod beds, known for their automated temperature control and adjustable settings, suddenly overheated and froze in fixed positions, leaving users stuck and sleep-deprived. The issue was traced to a disruption in AWS’s US-EAST-1 region, which began around 3 a.m. ET. The beds rely on AWS servers to function via app-based controls.

By morning, Downdetector had recorded over eight million outage reports globally, affecting not just smart home devices but also apps, gaming platforms, and banking services.

Several users took to Reddit and X (formerly



Twitter) to share their ordeal. Some reported intense heating issues, while others were unable to adjust their beds, leading to discomfort and panic during sleep. Eight Sleep’s CEO Matteo Franceschetti issued a public apology on X: “The AWS outage has

impacted some of our users since last night, disrupting their sleep. That is not the experience we want to provide, and I want to apologize for it.”

Franceschetti added that the company would work round-the-clock to ensure such issues don’t happen again. He revealed that developers were building an “outage-proof mode” that would allow the bed to operate independently of AWS during similar incidents.

While some services have been restored, Franceschetti noted that data processing delays may persist, and full functionality would return as AWS stabilizes.

For now, frustrated users are demanding a “real solution” — with many questioning the reliability of smart home devices that rely entirely on cloud services for basic operations.

How Do Engineers Keep The Water Out While Building Bridges On Rivers?

Ever wondered how massive bridge foundations are laid in deep, fast-flowing rivers? Unlike land construction, building in water poses serious challenges, including strong currents, limited visibility, and high risk for workers. To overcome this, engineers use a remarkable technique called a cofferdam — a temporary watertight structure that makes underwater construction possible in dry conditions.

A cofferdam is essentially an enclosed area built within the river using interlocking steel sheet piles, typically 10 to 20 metres long. These sheets are hammered deep into the riverbed using hydraulic or vibratory hammers, forming a sealed circle or rectangle that blocks water from entering. Once sealed, powerful pumps remove the water from the inside, creating a dry workspace.

This method was used in major Indian infrastructure projects like the Thane Creek Bridge, where engineers noted that vibrations from the pile-driving process even scared off nearby fish.



a thorough survey of the riverbed is conducted to measure depth, soil stability, and current speed. These details determine how deep the foundation needs to be and how many support pillars are required.

Once water is pumped out and the space is dry, workers can safely descend into the cofferdam — often via ladders or crane platforms — to begin laying the bridge foundation. Strict safety measures are in place, with helmets and life jackets mandatory on site.

Despite its temporary nature, a cofferdam plays a critical role in ensuring bridge stability and safety. Once the foundation work is complete, the structure is dismantled, and water is gradually reintroduced to the area.

This ingenious engineering solution allows for massive construction projects to succeed — even in the middle of a river.

What Should Disappear From Earth?

In a thread that quickly turned hilarious and insightful, a Reddit user recently asked: “Delete one thing from Earth that you think would make it better?” What followed was a mix of clever, quirky, and unexpectedly deep responses that reflected the internet’s creativity and collective frustrations.

Among the most viral responses was one user suggesting “UV rays because sunscreens are oily,” blending humour with a common skincare complaint. Another top comment simply read: “My browsing history”, drawing laughs and thousands of upvotes.

Others were slightly more practical but still amusing, such as “tobacco stains”, “occasional cold that brings immense throat pain”, and even “alarm clocks”. One user mused, “Mosquitoes. No one would miss them.”

However, the conversation also took a more philosophical turn. One Redditor stated: “Greed—the root of all problems.” Another added: “Remove the concept of politics,” though that sparked a debate, with one reply noting, “Politics isn’t inherently bad. It’s how people use it.”



Internet Replies with UV Rays, Tobacco Stains & More

Many agreed that removing even one small annoyance could drastically improve daily life, while some believed only deeper systemic changes could bring true transformation.

As the thread grew, it became a mix of meme-worthy answers and real reflections — a rare internet moment where entertainment met empathy.

One thing is clear: from UV rays to rude drivers, the world might be a little better with a “delete” button — if only it existed.



# Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy Aim for Revival at Japan Open

Indian badminton stars Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy will be eyeing a turn-around in form as they lead India's campaign at the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 tournament, beginning Tuesday in Kumamoto. The USD 475,000 event presents an opportunity for the shuttlers to regain momentum ahead of the year-end circuit.

After enduring a challenging run earlier this season, Lakshya Sen has shown signs of resurgence with a runner-up finish at the Hong Kong Open and quarterfinal appearances at both the Denmark Open and Hylo Open. Seeded seventh, the 24-year-old from Almora—who finished fourth at the Paris Olympics—faces a tough opening-round clash against Japan's world No. 25 Koki Watanabe.

Meanwhile, HS Prannoy, the 2023 World Championships bronze medallist, will look to bounce back after an injury-hit spell. The Kerala shuttler struggled with chikungunya before the Paris Games and played through



pain, leading to an early exit. Having been forced to retire during his Korea Open match in September due to a rib injury, Prannoy is now returning to action after a month-long recovery. He opens his campaign against Malaysia's Jun Hao Leong.

Among India's younger prospects, Ayush Shetty, fresh from his US Open title and a memorable win over former world champion Loh Kean Yew, faces a tough first-round test against top seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand. Tharun Man-nepalli, a Macau Open semifinalist, meets Korea's Jeon Hyeok Jin, while Kiran George, who impressed with a quarterfinal run at the Hylo Open, will take on a qualifier.

In mixed doubles, Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde will battle the American duo of Presley Smith and Jennie Gai. With no Indian entries in other categories, all eyes will be on the singles contingent to deliver strong performances in Kumamoto.

# Lando Norris Extends F1 Championship Lead with Sao Paulo Victory



McLaren's Lando Norris continued his dominant form in the Formula 1 season by clinching his second consecutive win at the Sao Paulo Grand Prix on Sunday, further strengthening his position at the top of the Drivers' Championship

standings. Coming off a stunning victory in Mexico City, the British driver delivered another commanding performance in Brazil, securing his seventh win of the season. Starting from pole position, Norris controlled

the race from start to finish, crossing the line more than 10 seconds ahead of Mercedes' rising star Kimi Antonelli, who achieved a career-best second place.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen rounded off the podium in third, trailing An-

tonelli by less than four-tenths of a second after a late charge that fell just short. Despite Verstappen's efforts, Norris' pace proved untouchable throughout the race weekend.

With this win, Norris

now sits 24 points clear of his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri—390 to 366—with just three races remaining in the 2025 Formula 1 season. The consistent 1-2 finishes for McLaren have cemented the team's dominance this year, marking a significant shift in the championship landscape once ruled by Red Bull.

Mercedes showed improved form, thanks to Antonelli's breakthrough podium, while Ferrari and Aston Martin endured mixed results, struggling to match the frontrunners' pace.

For Norris, the Sao Paulo victory underscores his growing maturity and title credentials. Having taken the championship lead for the first time in Mexico, he now appears firmly in control as the season heads toward its climax.

The next race in Las Vegas will be crucial for both McLaren drivers, as the battle for the championship enters its defining stages.

# Yosuke Asaji Wins Singapore Open; Ajeetesh Sandhu Finishes T-37

Golfer in nearly five decades to win the Singapore Open, defeating Korea's Jeunghun Wang in a dramatic sudden-death playoff on Sunday. The USD 2 million event, part of the Asian Tour's International Series, took place at the Singapore Island Country Club.

Asaji sealed the victory with a birdie putt from six feet on the par-five 18th hole after Wang found water with his approach shot and settled for a bogey. The win marks Asaji's first international title and his second victory of the season, following his triumph at the Crown's Tournament in Japan earlier this year.

India's Ajeetesh Sandhu delivered a steady performance, finishing T-37 with a total score of 9-under 279, capped by a final-round 70 (-2). Although Sandhu stayed consistent throughout the week, he couldn't mount a challenge in the closing stages but gained valuable ranking points ahead of the season's final stretch.

Thailand's Rattanon Wannasrichan (66) and Korea's Soomin Lee (69) shared third place, just one shot behind the playoff contenders.



Korea's Bio Kim secured solo fifth after a closing 70.

Asaji's final-round 67 (-5) included five consecutive birdies from the second hole, showcasing his remarkable composure under pressure. His precise putting proved decisive, particularly a clutch par save on the 15th that kept him ahead.

With the victory, Asaji moved to fifth on the Asian Tour Order of Merit and second on the International Series Rankings, cementing his place among Asia's top

golfers. The Asian Tour now heads to Riyadh for the PIF Saudi International, the richest event of the season, scheduled in two weeks' time.

# Lionel Messi Reaches 400 Career Assists, Four Shy of All-Time Record



Football legend Lionel Messi continues to redefine greatness, reaching yet another career milestone as he recorded his 400th career assist during Inter Miami's 4-0 win over Nashville SC in the Major League Soccer (MLS) playoffs on Saturday night.

Messi delivered a master-class performance, scoring two first-half goals and setting up two more, guiding Inter Miami to victory in the decisive Game 3 of their Eastern Conference first-round series. With the two assists, the Argentine maestro became just the second player in football history to reach 400 assists across club and international matches — now sitting just four behind Hungarian legend Ferenc Puskás, who tops the all-time list.

In his illustrious career spanning 1,133 games, Messi has now registered 894 goals and 400 assists for club and country combined. His long-time rival Cristiano Ronaldo, by comparison, stands ninth

on the assists list with 304.

Messi's influence on Inter Miami has been monumental. In the playoff series against Nashville, the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner contributed to all eight goals his team scored — netting five himself and assisting on three. His vision and precision also set up Tadeo Al-lende's quickfire brace in the second half, which sealed Miami's progression to the Eastern Conference semifinals, where they will face FC Cincinnati on November 22 or 23.

With Inter Miami reaching this stage for the first time in club history, Messi remains the driving force behind their dream run. Already the Golden Boot winner and favourite for a second consecutive MLS MVP award, the 38-year-old continues to prove that age is no barrier to brilliance.

As he closes in on yet another world record, Messi's legacy as football's ultimate play-maker grows stronger than ever.

# India Clinch T20I Series Against Australia as Rain Halts Final Match



Team India secured a 2-1 series victory over Australia after the fifth and final T20 International at the Gabba was abandoned due to rain on Saturday. The down-pour ended any hopes of a full contest, bringing the exciting five-match series to an early conclusion.

After being put in to bat, India's openers Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma gave the visitors a fiery start, racing to a 50-run stand in quick time. Gill looked in fine touch, unbeaten on 29 off 16 balls, while Abhishek smashed 23 off 13 deliveries before rain interrupted play in the fourth over. Unfortunately, the showers intensified, forcing the umpires to call off the game without a single ball bowled in Australia's innings.

The washout meant India, who had already taken a 2-1 lead after victories in Sydney and Canberra, clinched the series despite Australia's win in Adelaide. It marks another successful outing

for India's young squad, led by Suryakumar Yadav, who showcased both flair and composure throughout the tour.

The series saw several stand-out performances, including explosive batting from Ruturaj Gaikwad and Rinku Singh, alongside crucial bowling spells from Mukesh Kumar and Axar Patel. For Australia, Travis Head and Matthew Short were among the top performers, though inconsistent bowling hurt their chances of a comeback.

With this result, India continue their impressive T20 record in overseas conditions, extending their dominance ahead of next year's T20 World Cup. The team will now shift focus to the upcoming ODI series, while Australia look to regroup after a rain-marred finish in Brisbane.

Despite the anticlimactic end, India's young guns once again proved their mettle on foreign soil, sealing a well-deserved 2-1 series triumph.



Ram Charan Breaks Chiranjeevi's YouTube Record with 'Chikiri Chikiri' Song



The Mega family is once again dominating social media, as a new record race between Megastar Chiranjeevi and Mega Power Star Ram Charan has become the talk of Tollywood. While both stars are busy with their upcoming films, their latest songs have set the internet ablaze with back-to-back milestones on YouTube.

Chiranjeevi's latest film, Manashankara Varaprasad Garu, recently released its energetic track 'Mesala Pilla', composed by Bheems Ceciroleo. The song quickly became a viral sensation, crossing 50 million views on YouTube within a few days. Fans flooded social media with dance reels and short videos, making it one of the most popular Telugu songs of recent times.

However, Ram Charan has now surpassed his father's record in record time. The first single from his upcoming film Peddi, titled 'Chikiri Chikiri', directed by Buchibabu Sana and composed by AR Rahman, has stormed the charts.

Released in four languages, the vibrant number achieved 50 million views in just 35 hours, making it one of the fastest-viewed Telugu songs in recent memory.

While Chiranjeevi's song reached the same milestone in three weeks, Charan's track achieved it in less than two days, setting a new benchmark. The song's cross-language appeal and AR Rahman's signature composition style have played a key role in its rapid success.

Fans have dubbed the ongoing father-son musical battle as the "Mega Music Festival", celebrating both stars' achievements. Social media is flooded with celebratory posts, fan edits, and comparisons, with many predicting that both Manashankara Varaprasad Garu and Peddi will create major waves at the box office.

With Chiranjeevi and Ram Charan setting records one after another, the Mega legacy continues to dominate both YouTube and the hearts of Telugu cinema fans.

12A Railway Colony Locks Trailer Release Date



The upcoming Telugu film 12A Railway Colony has been creating a quiet buzz among cinephiles, and the latest update has added to the anticipation. The makers have officially announced that the film's trailer will be released on November 11, 2025, followed by its theatrical release on November 21, 2025.

The film marks the directorial debut of Nani Kasaragadda, a new talent stepping into the Telugu film industry with a promise of fresh storytelling and emotional depth. Leading the project is Allari Naresh, known for his versatility and ability to balance comedy and drama. However, this time, he will be seen in a completely contrasting and intense role, quite different from his usual comic performances.

12A Railway Colony is expected to explore a deeply emotional narrative, set against the backdrop of a railway settlement — a setting rarely explored in Telugu cinema. With a mix of realism and grip-

ping human emotions, the film aims to connect with audiences through strong writing and relatable characters.

For Allari Naresh, this project is a significant one, as he looks to continue his successful transition into serious and content-driven roles. His recent performances have earned him critical acclaim, and 12A Railway Colony is expected to further establish his image as a performer capable of handling layered characters.

Produced with an emphasis on storytelling rather than spectacle, the film has already generated curiosity within industry circles. With the trailer's release just days away, fans are eagerly waiting to see the first glimpse of what promises to be a heartfelt cinematic experience.

With Nani Kasaragadda's vision and Allari Naresh's powerful presence, 12A Railway Colony is shaping up to be one of the most interesting Telugu releases of November 2025.

Jason Sanjay's Directorial Debut with Sundeeep Kishan Titled Sigma

In an exciting development for South Indian cinema, Jason Sanjay, the son of superstar Thalapathy Vijay, is stepping into direction with his debut film titled Sigma. The project is being bankrolled by Lyca Productions, known for producing several big-budget Tamil films.

The makers unveiled the title and first-look poster earlier today, sparking excitement among fans. The poster features actor Sundeeep Kishan in a rugged avatar, seated atop a massive pile of cash, exuding power and confidence. The intense imagery hints at a high-octane action drama centered around money, power, and ambition.

With Sigma, Jason Sanjay is expected to bring a fresh vision and youthful energy to Tamil cinema. Having completed his film studies abroad, he is making his debut in a grand fashion, backed by a major production house and a talented team.

Music for the film is

composed by the popular Thaman S, who has a reputation for delivering chart-topping soundtracks and powerful background scores. The shoot is currently underway, with more details about the cast and crew expected to be announced soon.

Sigma will be released in both Tamil and Telugu, positioning it as a bilingual action entertainer aimed at a wide audience. Given Sundeeep Kishan's popularity in both industries and Jason Sanjay's strong lineage, expectations are already sky-high.

Fans of Thalapathy Vijay have taken to social media to celebrate Jason's new journey, expressing immense pride and curiosity about his directorial style. With Sigma, Jason Sanjay is all set to carve his own identity in the film industry while paying homage to his cinematic roots.

Sigma promises to be a stylish, mass-action entertainer — and one of the most awaited debuts in recent times.



Ravi Teja's RT76 Title and First Look to Be Unveiled Today



Mass Maharaj Ravi Teja is all set to kick-start the promotions of his much-awaited film, currently referred to as RT76. The movie, which features Ashika Ranganath and Dimple Hayathi as the female leads, has already built strong anticipation among fans.

According to the latest official update, the makers have confirmed that the title and first-look poster of RT76 will be released tomorrow, November 10, 2025, at 3:33 PM. Adding to the excitement, the team has also announced that the film will arrive in theaters during the Sankranthi festival season in January 2026, setting the stage for a grand holiday

release.

If reports are to be believed, the film's title is Bhartha Mahasayulaku Vignayapathi, though an official confirmation is expected during tomorrow's big reveal. The project is being helmed by Kishore Tirumala, known for his knack for blending strong emotions with commercial entertainment. The movie is produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the banner of Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Cinemas, a production house known for delivering quality films.

Music for RT76 is composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, who is expected to deliver an energetic soundtrack in line with Ravi

Teja's mass appeal. The combination of Kishore Tirumala's storytelling and Ravi Teja's trademark screen presence is expected to strike the perfect balance between emotion and entertainment.

With the Sankranthi release slot already locked, RT76 is gearing up to join the festival box-office race alongside other major releases. Fans of Ravi Teja, fondly known as Mass Maharaj, are eagerly awaiting the first look to see what new avatar the star will sport this time.

All eyes are now on tomorrow's 3:33 PM reveal, which promises to kick off the film's promotional campaign in grand style.



Sharwanand's Biker First Single "Pretty Baby" Announced with Romantic Poster

Nava Dalapathy Sudheer Babu's latest outing, Jatadhara, hit theatres on Friday amid decent pre-release buzz. However, the supernatural thriller has struggled to live up to expectations, both critically and commercially. According to official reports, the film has managed to collect ₹2.91 crore gross worldwide over its first two days — a figure that signals a weak start for a project of its scale.

Despite an intriguing concept and strong visuals, Jatadhara has reportedly failed to connect with mainstream audiences. The film's pacing and screenplay have received mixed reviews, resulting in limited word-of-mouth traction. Trade analysts note that the coming days will be crucial for the film's box office fate, as competition from new releases could further dent its collections.

Directed by Umesh Kumar Bansal, Jatadhara features Sonakshi Sinha, Divya

Khosla, Shilpa Shirodkar, and Indira Krishna in pivotal roles alongside Sudheer Babu. The ensemble cast had raised expectations for a gripping supernatural experience, but early responses suggest that the execution fell short of its potential.

The film is jointly produced by Umesh Kumar Bansal, Shivin Narang, Aruna Agarwal, Prerna Arora, Shilpa Singhal, and Nikhil Nanda under multiple banners. The music and background score have been composed by Rajeev Raj, adding a haunting touch to the film's atmospheric tone.

With its modest box office performance, Jatadhara faces an uphill battle to recover production costs. The makers and fans are now hoping for a turnaround over the weekend, but given the current trend, sustaining strong numbers may prove challenging for Sudheer Babu's latest supernatural venture.